

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Amendments to the Claims**

Please replace the existing listing of claims with the following:

Claim 1-31 (cancelled)

Claim 32 (new): A method of creating and managing a group of mobile stations for a communication session in a communications network, the communication session being one in which users of respective mobile stations communicate with one another, the method comprising:

receiving at least one rule defining a member of the group, the at least one rule being received in association with a group address; and

dynamically populating the group with members from the mobile stations determined in accordance with the at least one rule and respective presence information published for one or more mobile stations or users in order to initiate a group communications session, the populating comprising determining which of users and/or the mobile stations of the users match the at least one rule.

Claim 33 (new): The method of claim 32, further comprising providing notification of members of the dynamic group in response to the populating.

Claim 34 (new): The method of claim 32, wherein determining which of the mobile station users match the at least one rule comprises requesting and receiving notification of the one or more particular mobile stations and/or users from a server for defining a member of a dynamic group, the server storing the presence information published by or on behalf of the mobile stations' users.

Claim 35 (new): The method of claim 34, wherein determining comprises receiving notification that one or more particular mobile stations match the at least one rule in accordance with respective location information for the one or more particular mobile stations.

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Claim 36 (new): The method of claim 35, further comprising subscribing to at least one server which provides notification of mobile stations that match one or more rules defined in response to presence information and/or location information for mobile stations; and wherein, the subscribing is responsive to the at least one rule.

Claim 37 (new): The method of claim 36, further comprising determining an address for each of the at least one server for subscribing, the address being determined from a resource list of addresses for such servers.

Claim 38 (new): The method of claim 36, further comprising receiving notification of individual matching mobile stations as the individual matching mobile stations are determined by the at least one server to hasten the populating.

Claim 39 (new): The method of claim 32, further comprising maintaining the dynamic group, removing a particular one of the mobile stations or users as a member in accordance with the at least one rule.

Claim 40 (new): The method of claim 37, further comprising receiving notification that a particular one of the mobile stations or users no longer matches the at least one rule.

Claim 41 (new): The method of claim 32, further comprising receiving a change of the at least one rule and managing the members of the dynamic group in accordance with the change wherein managing comprises at least one of adding and removing members.

Claim 42 (new): The method of claim 32, further comprising notifying a communications server of the members of the dynamic group for facilitating communication among the members in the group communication session.

Claim 43 (new): The method of claim 32, further comprising notifying a user using a mobile station of the members of the dynamic group.

Claim 44 (new): The method of claim 37, further comprising extending a search for mobile stations matching the at least one rule.

Claim 45 (new): The method of claim 44, wherein the subscribing to at least one server

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extends the search to at least one of different domains and networks.

Claim 46 (new): The method of claim 37, further comprising further subscribing by one or more of the at least one server to one or more other such servers to extend a search for mobile stations matching the pre-defined rule.

Claim 47 (new): The method of claim 46, wherein the further subscribing extends the search for mobile stations to include a home network and a roaming network of a first mobile station.

Claim 48 (new): The method of claim 32, wherein the group comprises a mayday group and the method comprises:

receiving a request from a first mobile station to initiate a group communication with at least one second communication device proximate to the first mobile station; and

populating the mayday group with particular ones of the mobile stations determined in response to pre-defined rules for the mayday group.

Claim 49 (new): A server for creating and managing a group of mobile stations for a communication session in a communications network, the communication session being one in which users of respective mobile stations communicate with one another, the server comprising:

a communication system for transmitting and receiving messages via the communications network;

a processor coupled to the communication system for processing messages; and

memory coupled to the processor for storing instructions to configure the processor to:

receive at least one rule defining a member of the group, the at least one rule being received in association with a group address; and

dynamically populate the group with members from the mobile stations

determined in accordance with the at least one rule and respective presence information published for one or more mobile stations or users in order to initiate a group communications session, the populating comprising determining which of users and/or the mobile stations of the users match the at least one rule.

Claim 50 (new): The server of claim 49, wherein the memory further stores instructions to configure the processor to subscribe to at least one server which provides notification of mobile stations that match one or more rules defined in response to presence information and/or location information for mobile stations; and wherein, the subscribing is responsive to the at least one rule.

Claim 51 (new): The server of claim 49, wherein the memory further stores instructions to configure to processor to provide the members of the dynamic group to a server for facilitating group communications among the members.

Claim 52 (new): The server of claim 49, wherein the memory further stores instructions to configure the processor to receive and store presence information published on behalf of the mobile stations and/or users of the stations.

Claim 53 (new): A method of operating a server for creating and managing a group of mobile stations for a communication session in a communications network, the communication session being one in which users of respective mobile stations communicate with one another, the method comprising:

receiving at least one rule defining a member of the group, the at least one rule being received in association with a group address; and

dynamically populating the group with members from the mobile stations determined in accordance with the at least one rule and respective presence information published for one or more mobile stations or users in order to initiate a group communications session, the populating comprising determining which of users and/or the mobile stations of the users match the at least one rule.

Claim 54 (new): A mobile station for initiating a communication session among other

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mobile stations in a communication network, the communication session being one in which users of respective mobile stations communicate with one another, the mobile station comprising:

a communication system for transmitting and receiving messages via the communication network;

a processor coupled to the communication system for processing messages; and

a memory coupled to the processor for storing instructions to configure the processor to:

transmit at least one rule defining a member of the group to a server adapted to create and manage the group, the server populating the group with members from the mobile stations determined in accordance with the at least one rule, the populating comprising determining which of users and/or the mobile stations of the users match the at least one rule; and

wherein the processor is further configured to transmit the at least one rule in association with a group address to enable the server to dynamically populate the group with members of the group in accordance with respective presence information published for the one or more particular mobile stations or users in order to enable the mobile station to initiate the group communications session.

Claim 55 (new): A method of operating a mobile station for initiating a communication session among other mobile stations in a communication network, the communication session being one in which users of respective mobile stations communicate with one another, the method comprising:

transmitting at least one rule defining a member of the group to a server adapted to create and manage the group, the server populating the group with members from the mobile stations determined in accordance with the at least one rule, the populating comprising determining which of users and/or the mobile stations of the users match the at least one rule;

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wherein the at least one rule is transmitted in association with a group address to enable the server to dynamically populate the group with members of the group in accordance with respective presence information published for the one or more particular mobile stations or users in order to enable the mobile station to initiate the group communications session.

Claim 56 (new): The method of claim 32, wherein the at least one rule defines characteristics of the respective users of respective mobile stations.

Claim 57 (new): The method of claim 56, wherein the at least one rule defines at least one of personal preferences or common interests the respective users of respective mobile stations.

Claim 58 (new): The method of claim 32, wherein the at least one rule defines a group of preselected mobile stations.

Claim 59 (new): The server of claim 49, wherein the at least one rule defines characteristics of the respective users of respective mobile stations.

Claim 60 (new): The server of claim 59, wherein the at least one rule defines at least one of personal preferences or common interests the respective users of respective mobile stations.

Claim 61 (new): The server of claim 49, wherein the at least one rule defines a group of preselected mobile stations.

Claim 62 (new): The mobile station of claim 54, wherein the at least one rule defines characteristics of the respective users of respective mobile stations.

Claim 63 (new): The mobile station of claim 62, wherein the at least one rule defines at least one of personal preferences or common interests the respective users of respective mobile stations.

Claim 64 (new): The mobile station of claim 54, wherein the at least one rule defines a group of preselected mobile stations.